

## **Volunteer William “Billy” Warren July 15, 1943 – March 23, 2008**



**Volunteers Billy Warren & Michelle Pate with  
Loggerhead Sea Turtle "Lighthouse"**



**Billy engages the crowd before releasing a young  
sea turtle**

**Billy Warren began volunteering at Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge as a member of the loggerhead sea turtle crew in 2003. Throughout the past five years, Billy accrued over 1,100 volunteer hours on the Refuge, assisting with the sea turtle nesting project, invasive species control, shorebird surveys, and posting and maintaining seabird nesting areas. Early in 2008, he enthusiastically attended boat operation training classes to enhance his ability to assist with Refuge programs. Billy’s dedication and enthusiasm were crucial to continuing the sea turtle nesting surveys on Lighthouse Island as well as initiating a new sea turtle program on Bull’s Island.**

**For almost ten years, Billy also volunteered at the South Carolina Aquarium, giving over 4,500 hours. His work at the Aquarium began in 1998 with Billy presenting turtle talks and conducting outreach. He then worked at an offsite quarantine facility that housed animals while the Aquarium was being built. When that facility closed, Billy moved to the Aquarium to assist with offshore reef exhibits, care for the bird collection, and helped rehabilitate sick and injured sea turtles in the Sea Turtle Rescue Program.**

**Billy’s presence and involvement with all of Cape Romain’s biological programs and his commitment to the South Carolina Aquarium was nothing short of amazing. Billy will remain an inspiration to all of us who knew and worked with him and will be greatly missed.**